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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 are present in the application and are amended.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggested grammatical changes to claims 1-3. Applicants make the suggested amendments, which are not intended to change the scope of the claims but only to make grammatical adjustments.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2, and 7 of Kakizaki et al (U.S.6,643,312). In order to further prosecution of the application, applicants submit a terminal disclaimer herewith. In view of this submission, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is believed to be resolved.

In light of the above noted disclaimer and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

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